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**STATEMENT BY BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL D. CLARK ON
THE “HOW MANY STOPS” ACT**

“I support greater transparency from our Police Department, but not at the expense of longer response times to crimes and fewer positive interactions between police and the public. I am concerned about a chilling effect on community engagement if police officers must document nearly every encounter, collecting personal information by assigning age, race, and gender to our residents, and the impact of increased time spent on paperwork and the cost of storage.

“There needs to be a thoughtful discussion with district attorneys and other criminal justice stakeholders about the purpose of this bill, and its collateral impact on discovery. We would need to collect millions of documents that could ultimately be considered related to a future case. The discovery law mandates we turn over the material on a case as soon as it is created, which would be near impossible under the “How Many Stops Act.”